

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M:35-36-5
(date entered: 5-4-80)

1. Name: Cooper/Smith House
2. Planning Area/Site Number: 35/36/5 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 21
Somerset H.D. D-14
4. Address: 5808 Warwick Place, Somerset
5. Classification Summary
Category building Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
Ownership private Title and Date: 1976 Inventory of
Public Acquisition N/A Historical Sites
Status occupied
Accessible no Federal State x County x Local
Present use private residence
6. Date: 7. Original Owner:
8. Apparent Condition
a. good b. altered c. original site
9. Description: This two-and-a-half story, four bay by three bay, frame house faces east. The exterior walls are narrow white clapboards. The east porch wraps around to the south elevation. It has a shed roof supported by seven turned wooden posts. The porch is enclosed by a balustraded railing. The two-over-two double-hung windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. The cross gable roof has slate and asbestos covering.
10. Significance: The Smith house in Somerset Heights is one of Montgomery County's earliest standardized suburban houses. The area which became "Somerset Heights" was subdivided by five employees of the Department of Agriculture who invested in 50 acres of "Friendship" in 1890. Their promotional brochure, along with an agreement that each initial investor should immediately construct his own dwelling, produced early activity, but construction slowed down by the end of the decade. In 1899 and 1900 Edward Halliday bought 24 unimproved lots in the subdivision, including lots 9 and 11, Block 3 (Warwick Place). These two lots he further subdivided for three houses, which he had constructed in 1901. With minor differences, Halliday's Warwick Place houses were of the same plan. Each was two-and-a-half stories high with a front gable and wrap-around porch. Halliday sold this house to May and Albert Leavy.
In 1905 the Leavy family sold to Estelle Brady Cooper who remained in the house until 1941. Her daughter then lived there three years before selling it to the present owners.
11. Researcher and date researched: Mary Anne Culliton-10/79 Candy Reed
Arch. Description
12. Compiler: Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled: 10/79 14. Designation
Approval
15. Acreage: 9,675 sq. ft.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 35/36-5
Somerset H.D.
MAGI#

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Cooper/Smith House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

5808 Warwick Place

CITY, TOWN

Somerset

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Chevy Chase 8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT

☒ BUILDING(S)

☐ STRUCTURE

☐ SITE

☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC

☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS

☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED

☐ UNOCCUPIED

☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED

☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED

☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE

☐ COMMERCIAL

☐ EDUCATIONAL

☐ ENTERTAINMENT

☐ GOVERNMENT

☐ INDUSTRIAL

☐ MILITARY

☐ MUSEUM

☐ PARK

☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE

☐ RELIGIOUS

☐ SCIENTIFIC

☐ TRANSPORTATION

☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Thomas Lee & Helen L. Smith

Telephone #: 652-7696

STREET & NUMBER

5808 Warwick Place

20015

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

☐ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 944

Folio #: 287

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, four bay by three bay frame house faces east on Warwick Place.

Built on fieldstone foundations which have been reinforced by poured concrete, this house has narrow white clapboards. The gable end of the house faces the street. The east (front) porch wraps around to the south elevation. Seven turned wooden posts support the shed roof. The porch is enclosed by a railing with square balusters. Above the porch on the south elevation there is an enclosed room with casement style windows. The east (front) door is glass and wooden paneled.

The two-over-two double-hung windows are flanked by black wooden louvered shutters. In the peak of the east gable there is a round headed window with metal louvers. On the south elevation there is a two story bay window with a pedimented gable.

The cross gabled roof has slate and asbestos covering. There is one interior stove chimney.

The house contains a living room, dining room, kitchen and powder room on the first floor, and three bedrooms, porch and bathroom on the second. There is an attic accessible by pull-down stairs, and a cellar (with original coal bin).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local History	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1901

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Smith house in Somerset Heights is one of Montgomery County's earliest standardized suburban houses.

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The Leavy family did not remain in Somerset long enough to see it officially become the Town of Somerset in 1906. They sold to Estelle Brady Cooper,³ who remained in the house until 1941. It then was inherited by her daughter June Cooper Reynolds,⁴ who lived there for three years before selling it to the present owners.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 19/489.
- 2 Ibid., TD 19/307 (October 30, 1901).
- 3 Ibid., 182/254 (June 10, 1905).
- 4 Montgomery County Will Records, HGC 40/173 (October 21, 1941).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land and Orphan's Court Records of Montgomery County, Md.
 Town of Somerset, Md. - History and Government, 1906-1956.
 "The Town of Somerset" by D. O'Brien and Helen H. Jaszi - Montgomery County Story - Vol. 20, #2, May 1977.
 Archives of Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Md.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 9675 square feet

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Parts of lots 9 and 11 in Block #3, "Somerset Hieghts"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Mary Anne Culliton

Candy Reed - Arch. Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

10/23/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland 20753

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Account Identifier: District - 07 Account Number - 00538502

Owner Information

Owner Name: TILLMAN, EUGENE & Use: RESIDENTIAL
Principal Residence: YES
Mailing Address: BONNIE E THOMSON
5808 WARWICK PLACE
CHEVY CHASE MD 20815
Deed Reference: 1) / 5990/ 472
2)

Location & Structure Information

Premises Address
5808 WARWICK PL
CHEVY CHASE 20815

Zoning
R60

Legal Description
P11 SOMERSET
HGTS

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
HN31				44		3	P9	80	Plat Ref:
Special Tax Areas			Town	SOMERSET					
			Ad Valorem						
			Tax Class	09					
Primary Structure Built			Enclosed Area		Property Land Area			County Use	
1902			2,208 SF		9,717.00 SF			111	
Stories		Basement		Type				Exterior	
2		YES		STANDARD UNIT				FRAME	

Value Information

	Base Value	Value As Of	Phase-in Assessments	
		01/01/2001	As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	165,710	288,710		
Improvements:	450,280	337,700		
Total:	615,990	626,410	622,936	626,410
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

Transfer Information

Seller: Date: 01/05/1983 Price: \$210,000
Type: IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH Deed1: / 5990/ 472 Deed2:
Seller: Date: Price:
Type: Deed1: Deed2:
Seller: Date: Price:
Type: Deed1: Deed2:

Exemption Information

Partial Exempt Assessments	Class	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

Tax Exempt: NO
Exempt Class:

Special Tax Recapture:

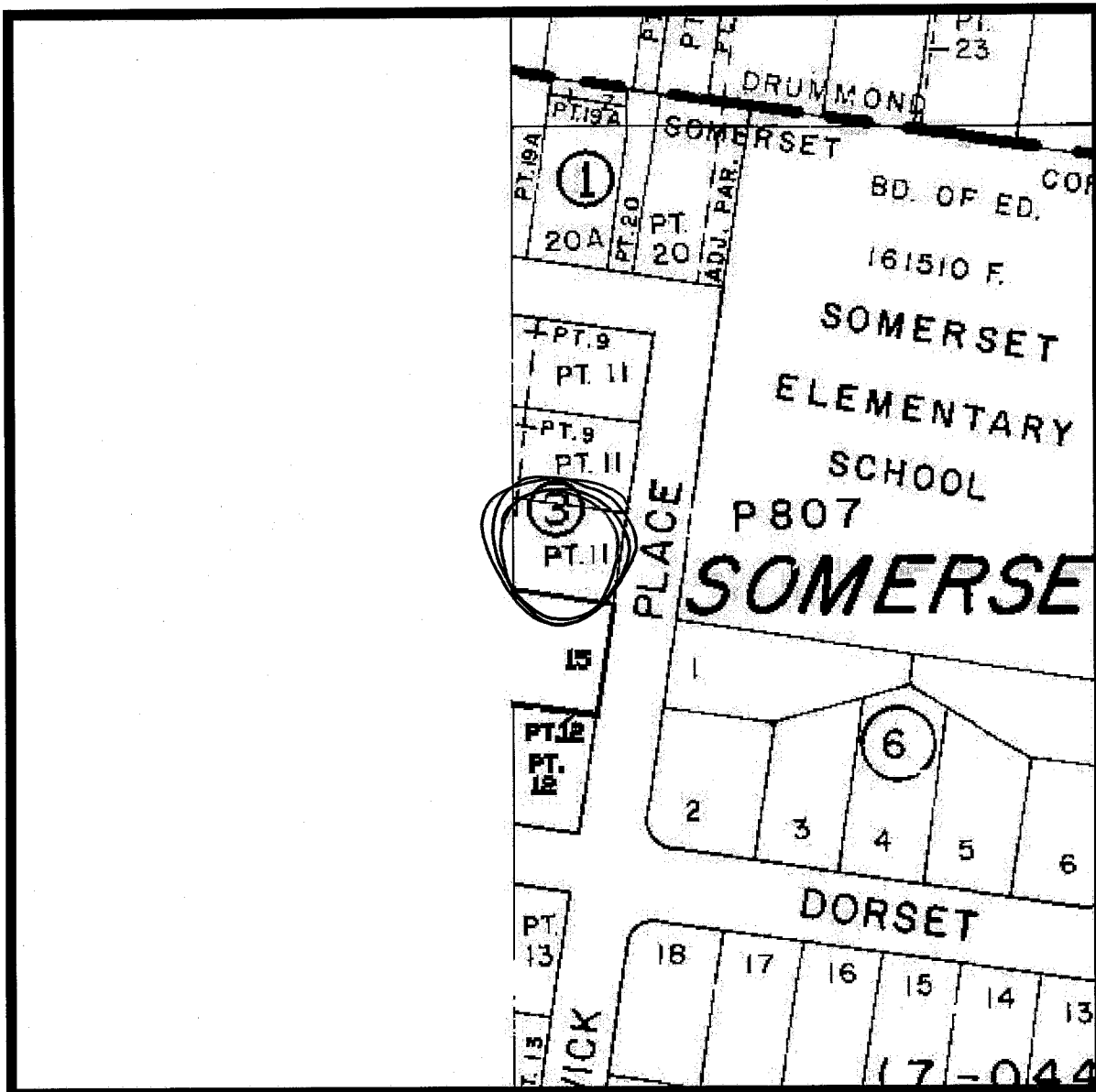
* NONE *



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Somerset

